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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JAMES J. MIDDLETON

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;  
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: June 7, 1950

On 6/6/50, SAS J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY and the writer began a surveillance of the Subject at 3:25 pm. At this time, the writer relieved SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY and conducted a surveillance of the rear gate of the C. W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 North 5th Street, along with SA FRANCIS B. HESTER III. This surveillance was conducted until 5:25 pm.

SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY relieved SA ROBERT M. GRANT and conducted a surveillance with SA CYRIL J. HAMMONDS which also began at 3:25 p.m. This surveillance was conducted for the purpose of observing the Subject departing from the front part of the C. W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 North 5th Street.

4:10 pm - Subject departed from the front part of the C. W. BERG LABORATORIES. He proceeded to a cigar store across the street at 1808 Germantown Avenue.

4:19 pm - Subject departed from the cigar store and returned to his place of employment carrying a newspaper.

5:25 pm - The writer joined SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY in the surveillance of the front entrances of the C. W. BERG LABORATORIES and SAS FRANCIS B. HESTER III and SA CYRIL J. HAMMONDS were relieved at this time.

6:00 pm - Subject departed 1827 North 5th Street and proceeded to his residence, 1929 North 6th Street, where he remained for approximately three minutes and continued on to the Cut Rate Drug Store, 2040 Germantown Avenue. On his way to his residence, he was observed to deposit a letter or letters in the mailbox located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Germantown Avenue and Berks Street.

6:10 pm - Arrived at Cut Rate Drug Store.

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6:50 pm - Departed Cut Rate Drug Store and proceeded to his residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

6:54 pm - Arrived at and entered residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

9:26 pm - Departed from 1929 North 6th Street and proceeded to his place of employment, 1827 North 5th Street.

9:34 pm - Arrived at 1827 North 5th Street.

11:00 pm - Departed 1827 North 5th Street and proceeded to his residence via the following route: 5th Street to Berks, to Germantown Ave., to Norris Street. Entered a delicatessen at Germantown Avenue and Norris Street where he remained for approximately eight minutes. From there, he proceeded to North 6th Street and south to his residence at 1929 North 6th Street.

11:20 pm - Arrived at 1929 North 6th Street.

11:55 pm - Lights in his room were turned out.

12:20 am -  
6/7/50 Surveillance discontinued.

Surveillance notes of the above surveillance are being retained as an exhibit in this file.

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DATE: June 7, 1950

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.,  
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On June 7, 1950, the surveillance on subject was resumed at his residence at 1929 N. 6th Street by SA ROBERT M. GRANT and the writer at 6:28 AM.

8:53 AM Subject departed residence.

8:55 AM Entered HUTTS DAIRIES, corner 5th & Berks Streets.

8:57 AM Departed HUTTS DAIRIES and walked south on 5th Street with quart of milk.

8:58 AM Entered BERG LABORATORIES, 627 North 5th Street.

12:19 PM Departed BERG LABORATORIES.

12:21 PM Entered Cut-Rate Drug Store, 2000 block North 5th Street.

12:53 PM Departed Cut-Rate Drug Store and walked south on 6th Street.

12:55 PM Entered residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

1:23 PM Departed residence.

1:27 PM Re-entered BERG LABORATORIES.

3:45 PM Surveillance was taken over by SAs JAMES J. MIDDLETON and J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY.

At 9:10 AM, the above surveillance was joined by SAs FRANCIS E. WESTER, III, and CYRIL J. HAINFORDS, who remained on the surveillance with SAs MIDDLETON and OUSLEY.

It was noted during this surveillance that subject appeared at the south upstairs window of the BERG LABORATORIES on several occasions and would look up and down the streets. It was counted that between 2:10 PM and 2:30 PM, subject appeared at the window ten times, looking up and down the streets. It should be noted, however, that the subject did not appear to be in the least apprehensive when away from his place of employment.

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At 2:40 PM, SA WESTER observed a policeman entering the FBIS LABORATORIES where he went into the office. In a very short time, he re-appeared with an individual from the office and walked out to the back yard of the Laboratory. Shortly thereafter, the men returned to the office where they remained as of 3:45 PM.

No significance could be attached to the visit of the policeman or any other actions of the subject.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA HOWARD A. SEARL

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 7, 1950

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On June 5, 1950, SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER checked the records of the Voters Registration Commission, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, Pa., at which time it was noted that Voters Registration #992460 dated July 13, 1937 indicated that JACOB FASS of 1862 Widener Place, was born September 13, 1892 in Poland. This registration indicated FASS was naturalized June 29, 1928 in the District Court, Philadelphia, by Certificate #2707354.

FASS is indicated as having spent fifteen years at that time in the State of Pennsylvania, and employed as a tailor. He is described as white, male, 5'6", brown eyes and brown hair.

Voters Registration #179705 dated September 18, 1944 indicates AUGUSTA FASS, 1862 Widener Place, was born January 1, 1923 in Poland and naturalized through the father's papers #2707354. The registration indicates that AUGUSTA FASS spent fifteen years as of that date in the State of Pennsylvania and was employed as a clerk. He is described as white, 5'2½", brown eyes, black hair.

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The only registration that SE HOTTINGER could locate for a THOMAS L. BLACK was that of a THOMAS L. BLACK of 2072 North 62nd Street whose Voters Registration #1057001 dated August 11, 1937 indicates that individual was born January 3, 1892 in Delaware. That registration indicates that this BLACK had spent twenty six years in the State of Pennsylvania as of that date.

He is described as a white male, 5'9" in height, gray eyes, brown hair and indicated as a deputy collector. It is assumed from the description that this THOMAS L. BLACK is not identical to the subject.

It is noted in addition, that Voters Registration #1055085 dated August 11, 1937 indicates a LETITIA L. BLACK of 2072 North 62nd Street, who is indicated as a housewife, born in Delaware, having resided twenty-one years in the State of Pennsylvania, and described as white, female, 5'3", blue eyes and "mixed hair".

No registration could be located for FRANCES HARPER.

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It is noted that Voters Registration #809858-3 for FLORIAN RICHARD CLARKE of 1929 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, indicates this individual was born September 22, 1920 in New Jersey, has resided sixteen years in the State of Pennsylvania as of September 8, 1948. FLORIAN CLARKE is indicated as white, 5'7", blue eyes, brown hair, registered as a Republican, and a former address indicated as 3255 Phillips Street.

Voters Registration #959109-3 dated February 27, 1950 indicates that HELEN BEATRICE HARPER of 1927 North Franklin Street, formerly of 1929 N. 6th Street, is a housewife who was born August 22, 1900 in Philadelphia and described as white, 5'5", blue eyes, brown hair.

Voters Registration #955817-3 dated February 27, 1950 indicates that RICHARD H. HARPER of 1927 N. Franklin Street, formerly of 1929 N. 6th Street, is registered as a Republican. RICHARD HARPER is described as white, 6'1", brown eyes, grey hair and as having resided in the State of Pennsylvania for a period of twenty-six years at the time of registration. He is indicated as having been born in the State of New York on February 17, 1889.



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FROM : SA ALBERT L. PIERCE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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DATE: June 6, 1950

On June 2, 1950, the writer and SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT contacted Mr. SAMUEL CLEVINGER, JR., Controller of the Franklin Institute, who made available the records of photostating done for members of the Franklin Institute.

These records were searched by the agents for the period from a few months prior to November, 1945 through July 1, 1949 for photostating ordered by THOMAS L. BLACK, SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY and CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES. A record was found of an order for photostating paid for by T. L. BLACK on July 11, 1947. This was for a photostatic copy of the Textile Chemical Specialty Guide 1946-47, Pages 101-04 in the name of Charles W. Berg Laboratories on July 10, 1947.

The Textile Chemical Specialty Guide is self described as a comprehensive buyer's guide to all textile, chemical and specialties. This book under Part 1 contained an alphabetical list of manufacturers and their chemicals specialty products. Pages 101-04 listed the types of chemical agents useful in textile operations which could be obtained from the Kessler Chemical Company, Inc., 7300 State Road, Philadelphia 35, Pa., and the Laurel Soap Manufacturing Company, Inc., Tioga, Almond and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia.

No other photostats were found ordered or paid for in the name of THOMAS BLACK. However, the following were located ordered or paid for by the Spruce Chemical Company. (There was no record of membership in the Franklin Institute for the Spruce Chemical Company)

Ordered - April 30, 1948 - 1 copy of Pages 518-523 and Pages 4378-4384 of Volume 39 of Berichte der Deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft-Redakteur: J. Meisenheimer 1916

Pages 518-523 consisted of an article in German entitled:

A Windaus & A. Hauth: Ueber Stigmasterin, ein neues Phytosterin aus Calabar-Bohnen, Nov. 1906

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*all paid for*  
These photostats were received on May 3, 1948.

On June 11, 1948, a photostatic copy of British Patent #590,951 was ordered. This patent was entitled:

An Improved Process for Converting Lower Into Higher  
Molecular Weight Glycerides by the Lever Brothers and  
Unilever, Ltd.

The patent was accepted August 1, 1947. This order was paid for June 14, 1948.

On July 23, 1948, four copies of United States Patent #2,441,091 were ordered. This patent was entitled, "Method of Preparing a 7-Dehydrosterol" Jacob Varder Vliet and William Stevens, Weesp, Netherlands. This was patented May 4, 1948. This order was paid for July 27, 1948.

On May 13, 1949, an order was placed for two copies of Pages 646-648, Volume 71 of Berichte der Deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft-Redakteur: J. Meisenheimer 1938.

These pages referred to an article in German entitled:

Beschreibung der Versuche Einwirkung von Athylmagnesiumbromid  
auf racem alpha Phenyl alpha Chlorpropionsäure, etc. *m (2)*

This order also included six copies of Pages 416-426 of Volume 22 of the Gazzetta Chimica Italiana (1892). On these pages was included an article entitled, Sopra Alcuni Nuovi Acidi Iposolfonici di Attilio Purgetti.

This order was paid for on May 17, 1949.

*and some Swiss*

A large amount of photostating was ordered during this period by the Charles W. Berg Laboratories. This photostating material consisted largely of United States and British patents and articles in various technical magazines and books concerning methods of soap manufacture and chemical processes concerning fatty acids, esters, glycerin, ethers, oils, solvents, etc.

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The records of this photostating did not show the name of the man obtaining these photostats for the Berg Laboratories. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether they were obtained by THOMAS BLACK or CHARLES W. BERG, himself, who also has a membership in the Franklin Institute.

The titles of these various articles, patents, etc. were obtained along with the names of the volumes in which they can be found and are being retained as an exhibit in this file for possible future reference.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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DATE: 6/8/50

The memorandum of SA JAMES J. MIDDLETON dated 5/26/50 captioned ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, ESPIONAGE - R, indicates that on 5/25/50, SA MIDDLETON interviewed [REDACTED], Norristown, Pa., an employee of the Franklin Institute. b7d

She advised that a member of the Institute by the name of THOMAS L. BLACK had visited the Franklin Institute Library on 5/20/50. However, previous to his arrival, HARRY GOLD had requested her to have BLACK call GOLD at some telephone number which she could not recall. Upon BLACK's arrival, she advised him of GOLD's message, and he immediately left. According to [REDACTED] GOLD had been seeing BLACK for approximately three weeks previous to this time. b7d

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FROM : SA PAUL V. HAGEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was  
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: June 7, 1950

In connection with the investigation to locate BLACK'S bank account, the following were contacted. In each instance it was determined that the Subject has had no accounts, safe deposit boxes or loans with the banks mentioned:

[REDACTED] b7d  
LAND TITLE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY  
Broad and Chestnut Streets  
Philadelphia

[REDACTED] b7d  
PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK  
1420 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia

[REDACTED] b7d  
PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY  
15th and Chestnut Streets  
Philadelphia

[REDACTED] b7d  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA  
15th and Walnut Streets  
Philadelphia

The above-mentioned [REDACTED] did determine that his bank had a record of one THOMAS L. BLACK having left some personal property with the bank for safekeeping. Checking this out, [REDACTED] Auditing Division, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, 315 Chestnut Street, produced a record reflecting that one THOMAS L. BLACK, no address and no business connection, deposited for safekeeping on March 24, 1936, at the Bank's branch office, 32nd and Market Streets, one \$100 Liberty Bond, plus \$43.99 in unpaid coupons. The safekeeping account was closed February 13, 1941, at which time the bank cashed the coupons and the bond for BLACK and issued him a Cashier's Check in the amount of \$143.99. b7d  
There was no other information in the bank's records which would further

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identify this individual.

[REDACTED]

INDUSTRIAL TRUST COMPANY, 1944 North Front Street, produced a signature card for the Subject reflecting that THOMAS L. BLACK, formerly of 17 Oxford Street, Newark 5, New Jersey, a consulting chemist, opened a regular checking account at that bank January 18, 1946. The last address appearing on the signature card for BLACK is: c/o COOPER, 1908 Dallas Street, Philadelphia 38; however, a subsequent review of BLACK'S ledger cards reflected the bank had BLACK'S present address, 1929 North 6th Street, Philadelphia. Other than the regular checking account, BLACK has had no business with the bank. b7d

A review of BLACK'S account reflected it was opened January 18, 1946, with a deposit of \$2459.75. For the first six months, up to August 8, 1946, the balance ran in excess of \$1000. Thereafter, with the exception of one date, January 27, 1947, when the balance was \$1280.20, the balance never exceeded \$1000.

The following comments regarding the average balance are made:

1946 -

Up to August 8, was running over \$1000. Started below \$1000. After that and as of end of year, balance was \$459.38. Average balance about \$900.

1947 -

January to April high was \$1280.20 on January 27; low was \$355.53 on April 30. Average balance for this period about \$700. April to December high was \$448.89 on June 27; low was overdraft of \$38 on September 2. Average balance about \$225.00.

1948 -

Entire year high was \$690.15 on February 4; low was \$95.56 on June 30. Average about \$250 for entire year.

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1949 -

Entire year high was \$593.50 on March 15; low was \$147.71 on October 26. Average balance for entire year about \$300.

1950 -

Up to June 5, high was \$516.26 on January 3; low was \$141.16 on May 16. Average balance for this period about \$275.

A schedule was prepared reflecting all activity consisting of deposits and withdrawals in the amount of \$100 or more. This schedule is being set out as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>1946</u>			
1/18	\$ 2459.75		Consists of three \$750 checks drawn on Public National Bank, NYC; two \$60 checks; 1 \$80 and 1 \$9.75 check, all issued by BLACK'S employer, BERG LABORATORIES, Philadelphia.
3/11		500.00	Check to Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., dated 2/26/46.
3/15	240.00		3 \$80 BERG checks.
5/17		500.00	Check dated 5/17, payable to Cash, cashed at bank same date
6/13		199.40	Check dated 6/11/46 to ARTHUR H. THOMAS CO.
6/21		150.00	Check dated 6/7/46 payable to SCIENTIFIC GLASS APPARATUS CO., their invoice #G-37967.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
7/20		406.00	Check dated 7/19, to Cash, cashed at bank same date.
10/5		250.00	Check dated 10/4, to Cash, cashed at bank same date.
<u>1947</u>			
1/27	830.00		Composed of "NYC" check for \$750. and BERG check for \$80.
1/28		550.00	Counter check dated 1/27.
4/11		112.97	Check dated 4/3/47 to SCIENTIFIC GLASS APPARATUS CO.
4/24	100.15		Cash.
4/25		177.00	Check dated 3/13/47 Collector Internal Revenue.
6/13	129.28		Cash.
6/25		115.00	Check dated 6/13/47 to Philadelphia Receiver of Taxes for "Taxes, 4917 N. Hutchinson for 1947"
6/27	160.00		Two \$80 BERG checks.
8/29		100.00	Counter check dated 8/29.
9/4	100.00		BERG check \$80; cash \$20.
9/26	100.00		Cash, cashed two \$80 checks, took \$60.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
9/29	285.67		Cash \$80, check \$200 drawn on "Orange, N. J." bank, "NYC" check 5/69 # 5.67
12/16	100.00		Cash
12/31	160.00		Cash
<u>1948</u>			
2/3	100.00		Cash
2/11		351.00	Check dated 2/5/48 to ARTHUR H. THOMAS CO, Invoice S-3644 )
2/20	100.00		Cash
2/27	117.50		Cash \$37.50, BERG check \$80
3/29		200.00	Counter check dated 3/25
4/14		152.00	Check dated 3/13/48 to Collector Internal Revenue
8/3	110.00		Cash \$30; BERG check \$80
12/23	200.00		Cash
<u>1949</u>			
10/28		125.00	Check dated 10/27/49 to THEO ALTENEDER AND SONS for "drawing instruments."
12/27	300.00		Cash
<u>1950</u>			
1/9		125.00	Check dated 1/5/50 to ARTHUR M. SILBERMAN

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
4/17		100.00	Check dated 4/14/50, payable to Cash, cashed at bank
4/24		140.00	Check dated April (date illegible) to GIMBLE BROS. <i>See file</i>

The records reflected that statements were mailed to Subject BLACK at his Newark address until about April, 1948. Thereafter, statements were mailed to the Dallas Street address until sometime after October, 1949. Since the latter date, they have been mailed to 1929 North 6th Street.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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DATE: June 8, 1950

On June 2, 1950, the writer checked the records of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., and obtained the following information concerning the firm of MORRIS E. KREGER & SON, 1830 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia:

A report dated December 20, 1949, reflected that the above business was started in August 1947 by MORRIS KREGER and ARTHUR LEAS. LEAS withdrew from the business on December 16, 1948 and received \$2,000.00. MORRIS KREGER continued to operate the business individually until May of 1949 when he admitted his son, RAYMOND KREGER, as a partner.

MORRIS KREGER was described as being 44 years of age; married; a native of Philadelphia; and his occupation was shown as sheet metal worker. His previous employment was reflected as being with T. FISHMAN & SON, STERLING METAL COMPANY, STAR METAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Trenton Avenue and Ann Street, Phila., and with the PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD, from 1939 to 1947.

RAYMOND KREGER was described as being born in June 1929; single; and a native of Philadelphia. Both of the KREGERS reside at 2711-13 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

An examination of the Philadelphia indices was negative concerning MORRIS E. KREGER, RAYMOND KREGER and ARTHUR LEAS.

The writer also obtained the Dun and Bradstreet report relating to the PRINCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, 3357 Miller Street, Philadelphia, owned by JACOB PASS. A photostat was made of this report and two copies, together with the negative, are being attached to instant memorandum.

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SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO  
FASS, JACOB, OWNERPHILA PA  
335 - 1 FR STREET

RATING: -

SYNOPSIS

BACKGROUND: Enterprise started as a partnership by owner and two others in June 1946. Under present ownership since December 1946. Owner had previous experience in this line.

ESTIMATED WORTH: \$2,500

SALES: Over \$1,000 (1949 Est)

PAYMENTS: Discount and Cash

CONDITION & TREND: Small investment believed adequate to meet light expenses. Sales reported increasing slightly.

HISTORY

The store was registered by the owner on December 16, 1946.

The business began in June of 1946, as a partnership composed of the subject, Hoberman and Louis Cooper. The latter firm traded as L. Cooper, at 5935 Spruce Street, until the latter part of November 1946, when Fass took over individually. It was reported by Fass that no cash transaction was involved but he assumed assets of the firm in lieu of salary owed to him. Moved to this address to acquire laboratory space in the early part of December 1946.

Fass is 34, married and native born. He was graduated as a chemist from Columbia University in 1938, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Since that time, he was employed locally as a chemist until starting in this enterprise.

OPERATION-LOCATION

Merchandise includes various chemicals, principally insecticides which are sold to grocers and local retail stores. The territory covered includes Philadelphia and surrounding area. Sales are made for cash to about twenty active accounts. Fass is assisted by one commission salesman. Equipment includes mixing vats, scales and related items.

Rents a one-story brick converted garage building, which is in normal repair.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On March 24, 1950, Fass declined a financial statement. He stated that cash resources were not large but adequate for business needs. Inventory was estimated by him to be near \$1,500 and fixtures and equipment was said to have a replacement value of about \$1,200. He stated principal purchases were made on a cash basis, and indebtedness composed of accrued operating expense, which was negligible.

Operating expenses were declined, but the owner stated that sales volume has increased slightly over the past six months and while sales volume is not large, centres yield him a moderate income. He indicated that sales for 1949 were slightly in excess of \$10,000.

As a matter of incidental interest, figures submitted by the owner on July 10, 1947 showed a net worth of \$2,000. Cash was shown at \$300, inventory \$1,000 and equipment \$1,000. The owner claimed no liabilities at that time.

Operating expenses are believed small, and indications are that the owner is able to derive a modest income on small scale operations. Monthly rent at this was reported to be \$25.

PAYMENTS

A trade investigation completed on March 1, 1950, failed to reveal any recent credit experience. One supplier reported selling the account on terms of check with order. As late as September 9, 1949, one supplier reported high credit of \$221 with nothing owing. Terms were 1-10 net then and discounted payment was made.

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SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO

CD 4 MAY 18 1950

PHILA PA  
335 BILDER ST

RATING: - - to R. Q.

Investigation reveals that this firm moved from the subject address

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SPRUCE CHEMICAL CO.  
FAST JACOB, OWNER  
CD 4 MARCH 31 1950  
MFC  
PHILIP M. STREET  
3321 W. 10th STREET

RATING: 25X0212

BACKGROUND: Entered as started as a partnership by owner and two others in June 1948. Under present ownership since December 1948. Owner had previous experience in the chemical business.

ESTIMATED NORTH: \$2,500  
PAYMENTS: Discount and Cash  
CONDITION & TREND: Small investment believed adequate to meet (part) expenses. Sales reported increasing slightly.

HISTORY: The style was registered by the owner on December 16, 1948. The business began in June of 1948 as a partnership composed of the subject, Al. Hoberman and Louis Cooper. The latter is listed as a partner of Spruce Street until the latter part of November 1948, when fast took over individually. It was reported by fast that no cash transaction was involved but he assumed assets of the firm in lieu of salary owed to him. Moved to this address to secure labor story space in the early part of December 1948. Fast is married and native born. He was graduated as a chemist from Columbia University in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Since that time he has been employed locally as a chemist until starting in this enterprise.

OPERATION-LOCATION: The enterprise is located in the vicinity of Spruce Street and 10th Street. The territory covered includes Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Sales are made for cash to about twenty active accounts. Fast is assisted by one commission salesman. Equipment includes mixing vats, scales and related items. Rent is one-story brick converted garage building which is in normal condition.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: On March 24, 1950, fast declared a financial statement. He stated that cash resources were not large but adequate for business needs. Inventory was estimated by him to be near \$1,500 and fixtures and equipment was said to have a replacement value of about \$1,200. He claimed that the bill purchases were made on a cash basis and indebtedness composed of secured operating expenses which was negligible. Operating expenses were declined but the owner stated that sales volume has increased slightly over the past six months and while sales volume is not large, revenues yielded him a moderate income. He indicated that sales for 1949 were slightly in excess of \$10,000.

As a matter of incidental interest, figures submitted by the owner on July 10, 1949 showed a net worth of \$2,500. Cash was shown at \$200, inventory \$1,000 and equipment \$1,000. The owner claimed no liabilities at that time. Operating expenses are believed small, and indications are that the owner is able to derive a modest income on small scale operations. Monthly rent at this location was reported to be \$25.

PAYMENTS: A trade investigation completed on March 1, 1950 failed to reveal any recent credit experience. One supplier reported selling the account on terms of check with order. As late as September 9, 1949, one supplier reported high credit of \$221 with nothing owing. Terms were 10 net thirty and discounted payment was made. 3-31-50 (241-37) (212) (M)

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JAMES E. NELMER

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
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DATE: June 9, 1950

Re Serial 65-4332-80 in captioned matter.

On June 9, 1950, the writer contacted [REDACTED] In Charge of Complaints and Open Accounts at the GIMBEL BROTHERS BANK, Philadelphia, relative to determining whether BLACK ever had a savings or checking account at that bank. According to [REDACTED] her bank has no record of any past or present savings or checking accounts under subject's name and aliases. *b7d*

The writer on June 9, 1950, contacted [REDACTED] of the GIMBEL BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE and ascertained through [REDACTED] that the only record he could locate at GIMBEL BROTHERS on a THOMAS L. BLACK indicated that THOMAS L. BLACK, who may or may not be identical with subject, residing at 207 North 62nd Street, according to the records of the PHILADELPHIA CREDIT BUREAU, had been employed by the PROVIDENT TRUST COMPANY, Philadelphia, in 1944. According to [REDACTED] the same records indicated that the same THOMAS L. BLACK, prior to 1944, had worked for the United States Government in the Gimbel Brothers Building. *b7d*

The Agent's notes on the above investigation are being placed in file 65-4332.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will determine if THOMAS L. BLACK, 207 N. 62nd St., formerly employed by the U. S. Government in the Gimbel Brothers Building, and employed by the Provident Trust Company, Phila., in 1944, was identical with subject.

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There are enclosed herewith, eight prints of varying poses of the subject for assistance in your investigation. These photos were taken June 4, 1950.

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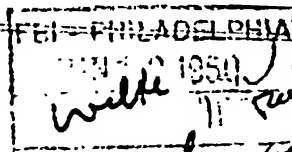
FROM : SA JOSEPH E. SPIVEY

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
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On June 8, 1950, the surveillance on subject was resumed at his residence at 6:24 a.m., by SAs ROBERT M. GRANT and the writer.

- 9:00 a.m. Departed residence carrying brown paper bag. Contents unknown.
- 9:04 a.m. Entered Berg Laboratories, 1827 North Fifth Street with bag.
- 10:10 a.m. Left Berg Laboratories without bag and walked to Montgomery and Sixth Street where he caught Route #65 Oregon Streetcar.
- 10:25 a.m. Departed streetcar at Sixth and Spring Garden, and walked west to Seventh Street.
- 10:30 a.m. Entered General Electric Supply Corporation, 429 North Seventh Street.
- 10:50 a.m. Departed General Electric Supply Corporation and walked south on Seventh Street to Callowhill Street, then east on Callowhill to Sixth, and south on Sixth to Arch Street.
- 11:05 a.m. Entered Martins, which appeared to be an electrical store, 604 Arch Street, where he obtained two packages.
- 11:08 a.m. Departed 604 Arch Street and went to streetcar stop at Sixth and Arch.
- 11:10 a.m. Boarded southbound streetcar at Sixth and Arch and rode to South Street.
- 11:25 a.m. Departed streetcar at South and Sixth Streets and walked east on South Street to Arthur H. Thomas Warehouse Company, Kardon Building, 14 South Street.
- 11:40 a.m. Entered A. H. Thomas Warehouse Company.
- 11:45 a.m. Emerged from Kardon Building and walked west on South Street to Fifth Street.

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11:50 a.m. Boarded northbound streetcar on Fifth Street.

12:10 p.m. Departed streetcar at Fifth and Berks Streets.

12:14 p.m. Entered residence, 1929 North Sixth Street.

12:19 p.m. Departed residence and walked north on Sixth Street to Cut Rate Drugstore, 2000 block North Sixth Street.

12:21 p.m. Entered Cut Rate Drugstore.

12:21 p.m. Conversed with druggist at Cut Rate Drugstore in a jacking manner about drug products (until 12:45 p.m.) observed by SA FRANCIS B. HESTER, III.

12:45 p.m. Began eating lunch.

1:06 p.m. Departed drugstore and walked south on Sixth Street.

1:08 p.m. Entered residence, 1929 North Sixth Street.

1:15 p.m. Departed residence carrying what appeared to be laundry in a laundry bag.

1:18 p.m. Re-entered Berg Laboratories with bag.

1:24 p.m. Departed Berg Laboratories without bag.

1:30 p.m. Re-entered Cut Rate Drugstore.

1:32 p.m. Departed Cut Rate Drugstore, walked south on Germantown Avenue.

1:33 p.m. Entered Copes Drug, corner Norris Street and Germantown Avenue.

1:39 p.m. Departed Copes Drug and walked west on Norris Street.

1:40 p.m. Entered residence, 1929 North Sixth Street.

1:49 p.m. Departed residence and walked south on Sixth Street.

1:52 p.m. Re-entered Berg Laboratories.

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2:28 p.m. Departed Berg Laboratories.

2:31 p.m. Re-entered residence, 1929 North Sixth Street.

2:44 p.m. Departed residence carrying small black notebook, approximately 4" x 6".

2:46 p.m. Re-entered Cut Rate Drugstore.

2:54 p.m. Departed Cut Rate Drugstore.

2:59 p.m. Boarded southbound streetcar #8365 at intersection, 2100 block North Sixth Street.

3:13 p.m. Departed streetcar at Sixth and Arch Streets.

3:19 p.m. Boarded westbound streetcar at Sixth and Arch Streets.

3:29 p.m. Departed streetcar at 20th and Franklin Parkway.

3:32 p.m. Entered Franklin Institute, 20th and Parkway at north entrance still carrying black notebook.

4:15 p.m. Surveillance was taken over by SAs JAMES J. MIDDLETON and J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY.

At 9:45 a.m. the above surveillance was jointed by SAs FRANCIS B. HESTER, III, and CYRIL J. HAMMONDS, who remained with the surveillance even after it was turned over to Agents MIDDLETON and OUSLEY.

It would appear from the above activities of subject that he did not work at all during June 8, 1950. During the above activities subject at no time showed any indication that he was aware of the surveillance.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JAMES J. MIDDLETON, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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DATE: June 8, 1950

On June 7, 1950 SAs J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY and the writer relieved SAs ROBERT M. GRANT and JOSEPH E. SPIVEY of their surveillance of the above captioned Subject at 3:45 P.M.

At this time SA OUSLEY relieved SA SPIVEY who was surveilling the front entrance of the C. W. Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street and the writer relieved SA GRANT who was at that time surveilling the rear entrance of the C. W. Berg Laboratories.

5:20 P.M. BLACK was observed by SA OUSLEY and FRANCIS B. HESTER, III to depart from the front entrance of 1827 North 5th St. and proceed across the street to a small cigar store, 1808 Germantown Avenue.

5:25 BLACK was observed by SA OUSLEY and FRANCIS B. HESTER to depart from the cigar store and return to the C. W. Berg Laboratories.

5:28 SAs FRANCIS B. HESTER, III and CYRIL HAMMONDS were relieved of their surveillance and SAs OUSLEY and the writer surveilled the front entrance of the C. W. Berg Laboratories.

6:56 BLACK departed from 1827 North 5th Street and proceeded to the Cut Rate drug store, 2040 Germantown Avenue.

7:04 BLACK arrived at the Cut Rate drug store.

7:45 Departed from Cut Rate drug store and proceeded to 1827 North 5th Street.

7:52 Arrived 1827 North 5th Street.

9:25 Departed 1827 North 5th Street and proceeded to his residence, 1929 North 6th Street where he remained for approximately two minutes and continued on to the drug store, 2040 Germantown Avenue.

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9:35 Arrived Cut Rate drug store.

10:00 Departed Cut Rate drug store and proceeded to a delicatessan store, 2000 Germantown Avenue.

10:03 Arrived delicatessan store.

10:07 Departed delicatessan store and proceeded to his residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

10:09 Arrived 1929 North 6th Street.

1:50 A. M. June 8, 1950 - the lights in BLACK's room were observed to be turned out.

2:05 A.M. surveillance discontinued.

Surveillance notes made by SA OUSLEY and the writer are being retained as an exhibit in this file.

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TO : File

FROM : SAC A. CORNELIUS, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was  
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DATE: June 9, 1950

I talked to Mr. A. BELMONT of the Bureau relative to this case for the purpose of recommending to the Bureau that the interview with BLACK start on Monday, 6/12/50. Mr. BELMONT stated the Bureau was then in the process of sending a teletype to Albany, New York, and Philadelphia which would indicate that these cases should be worked as a special assignment and request that an analysis be prepared setting forth the views of this office as to prosecutive proof and as to recommendations for interviews with reasons given; that upon receipt of this information requested by the teletype the Bureau would decide when the interviews should be conducted.

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TO : SAC

DATE: June 9, 1950

FROM : JAMES J. MIDDLETON, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
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SAS J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY and the writer relieved SAS ROBERT M. GRANT and JOSEPH E. SPIVEY of their surveillance of the subject at 4:15 P.M., June 8, 1950. At this time the subject was inside the Franklin Institute, 21st and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Also present during the surveillance were SAS FRANCIS B. HESTER, III and CYRIL J. HAMMONDS.

4:57 P.M. BLACK was observed to depart from the Franklin Institute and proceeded on foot, walking very slowly, south on 20th St. to Market Street; east on Market St. to Linton's Restaurant, located at 18th and Market.

5:20 P.M. Subject entered Linton's Restaurant where he ate his dinner.

5:40 P.M. Departed Linton's Restaurant and entered a small book store at 17th and Market Streets.

5:44 P.M. Entered book store.

5:52 P.M. Departed book store and proceeded east on Market Street to a small book store on the south side of Market St. next to the Click Night Club.

5:56 P.M. Entered this book store.

6:05 P.M. Departed book store, proceeded to the Penna. Railroad Station, South Penn Square.

6:09 P.M. Entered the Penna. Railroad Station from the Market Street entrance and scanned the magazines which is inside the south entrance at the news stand.

6:11 P.M. Departed Penna. Railroad Station and proceeded to corner of 15th and Market Streets.

6:12 P.M. Boarded a Front and Market St. #32 Trolley.

6:20 P.M. Departed #32 trolley at 5th and Market Streets.

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6:23 P.M. . . . . Boarded #50 Trolley at the southeast corner 5th and Market Streets and proceeded north on 5th Street to 5th and Montgomery Streets.

6:32 P.M. . . . . Departed trolley at 5th and Montgomery and proceeded walking to 1827 North 5th Street.

6:35 P.M. . . . . Entered 1827 North 5th Street.

SAS HESTER and HAMMONDS at this time discontinued surveillance.

6:40 P.M. . . . . Departed 1827 North 5th Street and proceeded walking to his residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

6:46 P.M.9 . . . . . Entered his residence, 1929 North 6th Street.

At the time he entered his residence, the windows to his room were opened from the top. Surveillance was continued until 12:40 A.M., June 9, 1950, and he was not observed to depart from his residence, and no lights were turned on in his room.

The surveillance notes are being retained as an exhibit in this file.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: June 10, 1950

FROM : SA E. EDWIN WARD

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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At 4:05 p.m. on June 10, 1950, SA WARD TELEPHONED telephonically advised that subject BLACK was leaving at 4:12 p.m., via Pennsylvania Railroad, for Newark, N. J. SA WARD furnished the same information at 4:10 p.m. Both Agents advised BLACK was wearing a gray suit, carrying a gray coat, had on a white shirt, open at the collar, and was also carrying a small black canvas zipper bag. He was known to have purchased a round trip railroad ticket to Newark.

SA WARD in addition, furnished the description of clothes worn by SAs ROBERT L. GRANT, J. CLYDE WOOD, and JAMES A. MIDDLETON, who were planning to accompany BLACK on the train to Newark.

A telephone call was immediately placed to the Newark Office and at 4:14 p.m. the above information was furnished to SA TOM JONES of that office. SA JONES advised that he would handle the surveillance at Newark and expected to have Agents waiting for subject at the Newark railroad station. JONES was advised that BLACK would probably leave Philadelphia at 4:12 p.m. and would arrive at Newark in approximately one hour.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WELTE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was:  
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DATE: June 9, 1950

At 10:35 A. M. SA MITCHELL radioed this office to advise that the subject had met an individual on the street corner of Fifth and Berks Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., <sup>who</sup> had re-entered a taxi cab which was waiting for him and proceeded to the house situated on the northeast corner of Second and Chew Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. cal d  
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MITCHELL interviewed the cab driver who stated that he picked his fare up at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel and was instructed by the fare to take him to the corner of Fifth and Berks Streets. When they arrived at Fifth and Berks Streets, the fare emerged and told the driver to wait. The driver observed the fare speaking with a man on the street corner for several minutes and return to the cab. He then instructed the driver to take him to the corner of Second and Chew Streets. MITCHELL observed the fare enter the house on the northeast corner of Second and Chew Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Driver  
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The driver told MITCHELL that the fare, during the trip, told him that he had arrived that morning at LaGuardia Field from Rome, Italy. It should be noted that the airplane taxi service in Philadelphia brings the passengers to the Bellevue Stratford Hotel and that this is the place the driver picked up his fare.

At 10:45 A. M. this date the writer contacted ASAC WHALEN, of the New York office, and furnished him this information, requesting that a check of the passenger manifest be made by the New York office on all planes arriving from Rome, Italy.

A check of the street reference telephone directory indicates the northeast corner house to be 199 Chew Street and the telephone is listed to I. HELLER. The Philadelphia Real Estate Guide indicates that the property at 199 Chew Street is owned by FERDINAND HELLER. At 11:00 A.M. this date this information was communicated to Mr. WHALEN of the New York office.

SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER was instructed to check the records of the Voters Registration Commission. There he found that FERDINAND P. HELLER registered August 14, 1937 as a Democrat, registration #801692. The record disclosed he was born December 12, 1907 in Pennsylvania. His occupation was chemist. He was described as being white, 5'9", blue eyes, brown hair; residence 199 W. Chew Street, and a resident of the State for 38 years.

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Re - THOMAS L. BLACK, was:

At 11:30 A. M. this date SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN telephonically contacted ASAC HOWARD P. FLETCHER, of the Washington Field Office, when he furnished background of HELLER and requested that Washington Field cause a check to be made of the Passport Division of the Department of State to ascertain if HELLER had been issued a passport for foreign travel. FLETCHER was asked to call the reply.

It should be noted that this FERDINAND HELLER may be identical with FRED HELLER who is reported to have introduced GOLD to BLACK in 1933. A surveillance is being maintained on this individual observed by SA MITCHELL in an effort to positively identify him as being FERDINAND HELLER or FRED HELLER.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JAMES E. HEIMER

DATE: June 9, 1950

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. ELACK, was.,  
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Re Serial 47 of 65-4332, in captioned matter.

On June 9, 1950, the writer checked the Voters Registration records on file at the City Hall Annex, Phila., and secured the following information concerning GERALD SMOLIAK and his wife ROSE SMOLIAK, 4742 Rosehill St., Phila., Pa.:

## GERALD SMOLIAK

Race	White
Height	5'6 1/2"
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Age	33
Born:	12-5-17, New York
No. of years in State of Pa.	5 years
Occupation	Engineer
Past address	627 Lyndwood Rd., Phila., Pa.
Political Affiliations	Registered Republican on July 20, 1949.

## ROSE SMOLIAK

Race	White
Height	5'1 1/2"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Age	27
Born:	11-26-23, in Philadelphia.
No. of years in State of Pa.	9 years
Occupation	Housewife
Political affiliations	Registered Republican March 22, 1950.

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The Marriage Records of the Commonwealth of Pa., County of Philadelphia, Room 417, Marriage License Bureau, City Hall, Phila., reveal that GERALD SMOLIAK's occupation is listed as an Electrical Engineer; residence 7430 Moynihan St., Phila.; born December 5, 1917, Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of HARRY SMOLIAK, whose occupation was given as that of a Contractor; married ROSE SMOCK at Philadelphia.

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January 11, 1949. H. H. MARTIN, 1. PORTER, 427 South 55th St., Phila., was listed as the person performing the ceremony. STOLIN's mother, according to the Marriage Records, was ROSE LEINER, housewife, of 7430 Thomson St., Phila., Pa. Both of STOLIN's parents were stated as having been born in Russia.

ROSE STOLIN, nee SODON, subject's wife, according to the Marriage Record Certificate, was stated to be a buyer of photographic equipment, resided at 5801 Hazel Avenue, Phila., and was the daughter of SIMON SODON and THIRIE BUDIN, both of 5801 Hazel Avenue. The occupation of SIMON SODON was listed as that of a retail grocer; her mother was stated to be a housewife. Both parents allegedly were born in Russia.

The Certificate of Marriage indicated that GERALD STOLIN's birth and that of ALICE STOLIN had been verified through a birth certificate. The dates correspond to the previous births of the two set out in this memo.

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It is noted that GERALD STOLIN mentioned above was born December 5, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York. Voters Registration records reveal that STOLIN has resided in Pa. approximately five years and presumably more information concerning this individual possibly can be obtained from New York.

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BY TELEPHONE



Date:

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Information Requested Concerning:

Rene S. Lachar  
402 Atlantic  
4002 14th St. N.W.

Information Furnished from File, Serial and Page Number:

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Information Furnished to:

Mr. E. R. [unclear]  
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Remarks:

No info. by A.G. [unclear] only.

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TO : SAC

DATE: June 10, 1950

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. SPITALE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

The surveillance on subject was resumed on June 10, 1950 by SAs ROBERT W. GRANT, EARL MITCHELL, and the writer at his residence, 1929 N. 6th Street, at 9:35 a.m.

8:58 a.m. Subject appeared at window of residence and looked up and down street for almost a minute.

9:40 a.m. Departed residence, walking south on 6th Street to Berks Street - east on Berks Street to 5th Street - south on 5th Street to Berg Laboratories, 1327 N. 5th Street. Subject was carrying small black zipper bag, which appeared to be empty and which appeared to be identical with bag he took to Newark on June 3, 1950.

9:45 a.m. Entered Berg Laboratories.

10:20 a.m. Departed Laboratories, carrying black zipper bag and one pair black shoes. The bag at this time appeared to be full of unknown contents which appeared to be very heavy. Subject walked north on 5th Street and returned to residence.

10:36 a.m. Re-entered residence, 1929 N. 6th Street.

10:40 a.m. Departed residence and walked north on 6th Street without bag and shoes.

10:47 a.m. Entered Out-Rate Drug, 2000 block N. 6th Street.

11:27 a.m. Departed Out-Rate Drug and walked south on 6th Street.

11:30 a.m. Crossed street to luncheonette located on northwest corner Morris and 6th Streets, looked in and departed.

11:35 a.m. Entered residence, 1929 N. 6th Street.

12:10 p.m. Departed residence with man, who has been seen on several occasions by the surveilling Agents at the Berg Laboratories, and who appears to be connected with the Berg Laboratories, crossed street and entered about 1947 green Plymouth two-door Sedan, 1950 Pennsylvania license #60640. The above license

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1827 No. 5th  
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number was subsequently checked and it was determined to be assigned to MILTON STONE, 518 Lindbergh, Drexel Hill, Pa.

The Plymouth automobile proceeded south on 6th Street to Girard Avenue and then turned west on Girard Avenue.

12:15 p.m. Subject and other man departed automobile at Franklin Street and Girard Avenue.

12:18 p.m. Both men entered Capital Hungarian Restaurant, 651 Girard Avenue, where they had lunch at a table alone.

12:42 p.m. Both men departed restaurant and returned to car.

12:55 p.m. Both men entered Berg Laboratories.

1:11 p.m. Subject departed Berg Laboratories alone and returned to his residence carrying a large brown manila envelope, approximately 11" x 12".

1:15 p.m. He entered residence.

3:40 p.m. Departed residence and walked south on 6th Street to Berks Street.

3:50 p.m. Boarded westbound streetcar on Berks Street #7227.

~~3:58 p.m. Departed streetcar, at Columbia Avenue and N. Broad Street.~~

3:59 p.m. Boarded northbound subway at Columbia Avenue and N. Broad St.

4:05 p.m. Departed subway at North Philadelphia Station.

4:10 p.m. Arrived at station and purchased round trip coach ticket to Newark, N. J.

4:12 p.m. Departed Philadelphia on Pennsylvania Railroad Coach #3021, accompanied by SAC ROBERT W. GRANT, JAMES J. HEDGECOCK, and J. CLIFFORD CUSLEY.



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SAs MIDDLETON and OUSLEY joined the above surveillance at the North Philadelphia FRR Station.

At no time during the above surveillance did subject indicate that he knew that he was being surveilled.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA HOWARD A. SEARL

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 12, 1950

On June 12, 1950 Special Agent FRANCIS J. SANDIN telephonically advised that a check of the records of the Corporation Bureau, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa., with the cooperation of [REDACTED] a record of file on 46-24-253 was observed by SA SANDIN. b7d

This record indicates that LEV'S LABORATORY, INC. of 2039-45 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, was incorporated on November 1, 1946 for the purpose of "manufacture, distribution and selling of wholesale drugs and allied products."

This company was established with a capital stock of 500 shares with a par value of \$100 each divided as follows:

250 shares common stock  
250 shares preferred stock

The business began initially with \$10,000 capital and the names of the directors, according to the initial corporation, were established as follows:

BENJAMIN B. OWINSKY  
2040 Germantown Avenue  
Holding 49 shares of common stock

BERNARD G. SNYDMAN  
5727 Drexel Road  
Holding 49 shares of common stock

ROSE SQUIRES  
3439 Ryan Avenue  
Holding one share of common stock

PAUL YERMISH  
5433 Walnut Street  
Holding one share of common stock

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June 12, 1950

The above directors were established for a one year term of office. However, no information is available that indicates a change in the above listing of directors of the concern.

All of the above were indicated as citizens of the United States.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA HOWARD A. SPARL

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 12, 1950

On June 12, 1950 Mr. CHARLES W. BERG, owner of the CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, advised the writer that the subject had experienced in glass blowing involving work of the type used in Laboratory experiments and in development of laboratory equipment. BERG advised that the BERG LABORATORIES had considerable dealings with the Scientific Glass Company of Lodi, New Jersey, most of this business being conducted by BLACK.

The writer asked of Mr. BERG if he knew of or been acquainted with anyone by the name of HENSCHFL. It is to be noted this name was given by the Newark Office as that of the individual who subleased the subject's apartment in the Chellis Austin Apartments in Newark, New Jersey. Mr. BERG advised that he knew of no one by the name of HENSCHFL nor was he aware of an associate or acquaintance of the subject who might have the above name.

As information, BERG advised that his son-in-law's name was ERIC BERG.

According to BERG, the following are the employees of the abovementioned Laboratories:

Mrs. GERTRUDE MC LANE  
1302 Sellers Avenue  
Bookkeeper

SHIRLEY M. RUBENSTEIN  
1601 Chester Avenue  
Bookkeeper-Stenographer

WILLIAM JOSEPH  
3717 Powelton Avenue  
Colored Handyman

MARTIN WILWERTS  
107 Wilts Street  
Plant Engineer

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SAC

June 12, 1950

MILTON SLONE  
Sales Representative and  
Chemical Engineer

Mr. BERG suggested that agents of this office be his guest aboard a 42 foot fishing vessel, which is owned and kept by BERG near Atlantic City, New Jersey. BERG pointed out that he would invite the subject aboard with two or three other individuals as a fishing party and he felt sure that in such circumstances the agents would probably be able to find or obtain considerable information from BLACK. The writer thanked Mr. BERG for the offer, however, made no commitments of either positive or negative intentions.

Mr. BERG advised that he would be spending considerable time in the Atlantic City area throughout the summer and offered his address as 103 South Newark Avenue in Atlantic City and pointed out that his telephone number there was Atlantic City 2-5171.

Mr. BERG was unable to advise of previous addresses of the subject, stating that the records of the Laboratory do not contain any indication of the subject's old addresses.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA William B. Welte, Jr.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
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DATE: June 12, 1950

At 1:55 P. M. this date SA MITCHELL advised that the subject was employing tactics to determine the presence of a surveillance. He felt, as of that time, that the subject had not detected the surveillance but was using all possible means in his possession to determine it.

At that very moment, he had driven to the corner of Berks and Delaware Avenue, had stopped his car and was looking at all other automobiles in the vicinity.

Prior to this call from SA MITCHELL, he had called regarding other evasive tactics employed by the subject. The matter was brought to the attention of Acting Special Agent in Charge JAMES W. GOING, who authorized contacting the Bureau.

The writer discussed the phases of the case with CARL HENNRICH of the Bureau. He was told that the Philadelphia Agents had been operating under instructions to conduct a loose surveillance, that the surveillance was to be maintained discreetly and that the surveilling agents were not to be detected. He was informed that up to the present time the subject had given no indication of being either surveillance conscious or making an effort to detect a surveillance. He was further informed that it was the opinion of the surveilling agents that the subject had not detected them.

Mr. HENNRICH was advised that the Philadelphia office desired to know, in view of subject's change of tactics, whether the Philadelphia office was to continue the loose surveillance or should employ a close surveillance in view of the fact that the subject might possibly be interviewed in the near future. Mr. HENNRICH advised that the Philadelphia office should continue to employ a loose surveillance on the subject, that the agents should be discreet and that the surveillance should be dropped rather than have the agents made by the subject.

In view of the instructions from Mr. HENNRICH, the agents in Car P-26 were advised to continue the loose surveillance.

This call to Mr. CARL HENNRICH was made at 2:05 P. M., this date.

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49	6-3-50	PH letter To HQ	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
50	6-5-50	PH letter To HQ	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
51	6-5-50	PH letter To NY	1	-	see NY 65-15338
52	6-12-50	Charge out slip	1	1	
53	6-7-50	NK Teletyped To HQ, NY + PH (Transmittal copy)	2	-	see Bufile 65-59181
54	6-6-50	PH letter To HQ	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
55	6-5-50	PH Teletyped To HQ (Typed copy)	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
56	6-5-50	PH Teletyped To HQ, NK + NY (Typed copy)	3	-	see Bufile 65-59181
57	6-5-50	PH Teletyped To HQ, NY + NK (Typed copy)	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
58	6-5-50	PH SAC memo To file caption: Harry Gold	1	-	see PH 65-4307
59	6-6-50	PH Teletyped To HQ, NK + NY (Typed copy)	2	-	see Bufile 65-59181

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60	6-6-50	PH Teletype to HQ + NY (Typed copy)	1	—	see Bufile 65-59181
61	6-6-50	PH SA to SAC memo	1	—	(copy in Harry Jeld's file) see PH 65-4307
62	6-6-50	PH SA to SAC memo	1	—	(copy in Harry Jeld's file) see PH 65-4307
63	6-7-50	PH Teletype to HQ, NK + NY (Typed copy)	2	—	see Bufile 65-59181
64	6-7-50	PH Teletype to HQ + WFO (Typed copy)	1	—	see Bufile 65-59181
65	6-6-50	BA letter to HQ	1	—	see Bufile 65-59181
66	6-7-50	PH SA to SAC memo	2	—	(copy in Harry Jeld's file) see PH 65-4307
67	6-7-50	PH SA to SAC memo	2	2	
68	6-7-50	PH SA to SAC memo	2	2	
69	6-7-50	PH letter to HQ	1	—	see Bufile 65-59181
70	6-7-50	PH SA to SAC memo	2	2	
71	6-6-50	PH SA to SAC memo	3	3	



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72	6-7-50	PH SA To SAC NY	2	-	Referred to another govt agency.
73	6-7-50	PH SA To SAC NY	4	-	(copy in Newark field is filed) see PH 65-4307
74	6-16-50	Charge Out Slip	1	1	
75	6-8-50	PH SA To SAC NY	1	1	
76	6-8-50	PH Teletype To HQ, NY + NK (typed copy)	2	-	see Bufile 65-59181
77	6-8-50	NK Teletype To HQ, NY, + PH (transmittal copy)	2	-	see Bufile 65-59181
78	6-8-50	NY Teletype To HQ, PH + NK (transmittal copy)	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
79	6-8-50	HQ Teletype To NY + PH (caption: New York field copy) (transmittal copy)	3	-	see Bufile 65-57449
80	6-7-50	PH SA To SAC NY	6	6	
81	6-8-50	NK letter to HQ	1	-	see Bufile 65-59181
82	6-7-50	NY letter to PH	1	-	see NY 65-15338
83	3-31-50	copy of third-party report attachment to serials	1	1	

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DATE 6-12-50

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LAST SERIAL

SERIALS 52 OF 65-4332

CLASS FILE NUMBER

The above serial was found to be identical with serial 22 already in file and so serial 52 has been changed to 22. This chargeout takes the place of serial 52.

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SPECIAL AGENT

RECHARGE

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